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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT - JOINT US-EGYPT WORKING GROUP ON
TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (JWGTRD)

1. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT US PARTICIPANT DESIGNATE, DR. E.P. PAPADAKIS (AN EMPLOYEE OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY) IN PROPOSED WORKSHOP ON QUOTE NON-DESTRUCTIVE EVALUATION TECHNIQUES UNQUOTE, WHICH WOULD BE UNDER AEGIS OF JWGTRD, HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM EGYPTIAN PHYSICIST, DR. MERVANA MONGY (EMPLOYED AT NATIONAL INSTITUTION OF STANDARDS, CAIRO) TO EFFECT THAT PAPADAKIS COULD NOT PARTICIPATE DUE TO ARAB BOYCOTT OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY.

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2. MONGY HAS SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO NSF FOR SUPPORT OF THE WORKSHOP. PROPOSAL INCLUDED PAPADAKIS OF FORD'S MANUFACTURING PROCESSES LAB IN DETROIT AS ONE OF US PARTICIPANTS. SUBSEQUENTLY, MONGY WROTE LETTER FROM TRIESTE DATED JANUARY 28, 1977, TO PAPADAKIS. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR DR. PAPADAKIS: I AM TERRIBLY SORRY FOR THIS, BUT I HAVE BEEN INFORMED LATELY THAT THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT BOYCOTT FORD MOTOR COMPANY BECAUSE OF ITS RE-

LATION WITH ISRAEL (SIC). ACCORDINGLY WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO MAKE ANY BUSINESS WITH FORD MOTOR COMPANY OR ANY BODY ASSOCIATED WITH IT. FOR THAT REASON WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE NDE WORKSHOP PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE IN CAIRO.

I AM VERY SORRY FOR THIS SITUATION BUT THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.

HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN WHEN THINGS ARE SOMEWHAT BETTER. SINCERELY YOURS, MERVANA MONGY.
END TEXT.

3. ON FEBRUARY 16, 1977, MONGY WROTE TO DR. HAROLD BURGER OF NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, WASHINGTON, REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WORKSHOP. SHE ALSO INFORMS BURGER THAT PAPADAKIS' PARTICIPATION IS NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO THE BOYCOTT OF FORD.

4. PAPADAKIS HAS INFORMED FORD'S LEGAL COUNSEL OF THIS SITUATION. FORD APPARENTLY IS TAKING NO ACTION UNTIL WE HAVE TRIED TO RESOLVE MATTER. LIKEWISE, NSF IS WITHHOLDING ACTION, BUT WOULD LIKELY WITHDRAW ITS OWN PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT IF MONGY INSISTS ON BARRING PAPADAKIS ON BASIS OF BOYCOTT.

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5. NATURALLY, THE REMOVAL OF DR. PAPADAKIS FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKSHOP FOR THE REASON GIVEN BY MONGY IS UNACCEPTABLE TO US. MONGY SEEMS TO HAVE MISINTERPRETED GOE POSITION REGARDING BOYCOTT AND ITS RELATION TO USG SUPPORTED PROGRAMS.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH APPROPRIATE GOE OFFICIAL(S) AND SEEK TO HAVE MONGY'S POSITION CORRECTED. FYI: MONGY WROTE LETTERS WHILE A VISITING SCIENTIST AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS (ICTP) IN TRIESTE AND USED ICIP STATIONARY. ICIP IS A U.N. ENTITY. WE BELIEVE MONGY HAS RETURNED TO CAIRO. END FYI.

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